

National Infant Immunization Week April 22-29, 2006

Love them. Protect them. Immunize them.

Working together with Vaccination Week in the Americas

Vaccination: an act of love



2006 Sample Proclamation

National Infant Immunization Week – Vaccination Week in the Americas

Whereas: Vaccines are among the 20th Century's most successful and cost-effective public health tools available for preventing disease and death.

Whereas: National immunization levels are at or near record highs for most vaccines and most vaccine-preventable diseases have been reduced by 99 percent or more since the introduction of vaccines.

Whereas: Children need a series of vaccinations, starting at birth, to be fully protected against 13 potentially serious diseases.

Whereas: Immunizations are one of the most important ways parents can protect their children against serious diseases.

Whereas: National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) focuses local and national attention on the importance of proper immunization for infants and toddlers 24 months and under.

Whereas: In the twelve years since its inception, National Infant Immunization Week (NIIW) has served as a call to parents, caregivers, and healthcare providers to participate in activities and recognition events to increase the awareness of immunizing children before their second birthday.

Whereas: This year, during NIIW, the United States will join with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) in support of Vaccination Week in the Americas to promote immunization in all countries of the Americas.

Whereas: The week of April 22-29, 2006 has been declared National Infant Immunization Week to help ensure that children have all their vaccinations by the age of two.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, (Governor/Mayor) of (state/city) _____, do hereby proclaim the week of April 22-29, 2006, as INFANT IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS WEEK IN (state/city/county) and encourage businesses, government agencies, national organizations, community-based organizations, and service groups to spread the immunization message throughout their communities. I also encourage public and private health care providers, parents, and children's caregivers in this (city/county/state) to advance the health of children by ensuring early and on-time immunization against preventable childhood diseases.

DATED: Signed by (Governor/Mayor) _____